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SUBJECT: MILITARY TRAINING FOR TOGO

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1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN HAVING TOGO MILITARY PERSONNEL INITIALLY TAKE ORIENTATION TOUR IN CONUS TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF US MILITARY TRAINING. HOWEVER, BELIEVE IT MORE PREFERABLE FOR TWO TOGOLESE MILITARY PERSONNEL (AT CAPTAIN/MAJOR LEVEL) TO ATTEND 13-WEEK INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE MANAGEMENT COURSE AT MONTEREY, CONFIDENTIAL

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CALIF., BEGINNING MID-SEPTEMBER, TO OBTAIN AN APPRECIATION OF THE CONCEPTS, PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF DEFENSE MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO THE ORIENTATION TOUR.

2. TO ENROLL IN COURSE AT MONTEREY, STUDENTS MUST HAVE ENGLISH COMPREHENSION LEVEL (ECL) OF 80. A MINIMUM ECL SCORE OF 55 IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE

COURSE AT DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (DLI), LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS, IF ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING IS NEEDED TO ATTAIN THE 80 ECL.

3. OMB HAS RAISED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE WE CAN PROCEED. THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROGRAM APPEARS PRIMARILY POLITICAL AND SHOULD BE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED IN TERMS OF WHAT BENEFITS WE EXPECT. OMB MAY ACCEPT A PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR BUT IS OPPOSED TO BEGINNING A PROGRAM INVOLVING A COMMITMENT, EVEN IMPLIED, FOR FUTURE YEARS. YOUR ESTIMATE OF BENEFITS FOR THE PROGRAM REQUESTED SHOULD BE WEIGHED IN TERMS OF NOT REPEAT NOT BEING ABLE TO FOLLOW-UP IN FUTURE YEARS.

4. YOUR JUSTIFICATION SHOULD INCLUDE MORE ABOUT MILITARY SUPPORT TOGO RECEIVES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. WHAT KIND OF MILITARY TRAINING ARE OTHER COUNTRIES GIVING TOGO? WOULD THE TRAINING WE PROPOSE DUPLICATE OTHER TRAINING? COULD THE TRAINING WE PROPOSE BE DONE BY OTHER COUNTRIES? DO OUR OBJECTIVES ACTUALLY INCLUDE ANY IMPROVEMENT IN TOGO'S MILITARY OR ARE THEY COMPLETELY POLITICAL?

5. YOUR JUSTIFICATION SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT TOGO PRESENTLY PURCHASES MILITARY TRAINING FROM ANY SOURCE. DOES THE STATE OF TOGO'S ECONOMY PERMIT PAYMENT FOR U.S. TRAINING OR IS TOGO'S FINANCIAL CONDITION SUCH THAT PURCHASE OF TRAINING WOULD IMPOSE TOO GREAT A STRAIN ON TOGO'S BUDGET? PLEASE GIVE DETAILS.

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6. YOUR JUSTIFICATION SHOULD NOTE ANY SPECIAL ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TOGO, OR TOGO'S POSITION IN AFRICA, WHICH WOULD WARRANT PRIORITY FOR TOGO'S TRAINING REQUEST OVER THAT OF OTHER COUNTRIES. PRECISELY HOW MIGHT TRAINING FOR TOGO AFFECT MAJOR POLICY OBJECTIVES SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS?

7. IF TOGO IS TO RECEIVE IMET, AN UPDATED UNCLASSIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NOW, IN CASE NEEDED, AND WILL BE REQUIRED AT END OF FISCAL YEAR FOR PRESENTATION WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE CPD BUDGET PACKAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 502 B OF THE 1961 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AS AMENDED. REPORT SHOULD BE ALONG LINES OF YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS/DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE REPORT (LOME 252).

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